

## THE FREE LANCE

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### Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.

Schedule in effect January 16th, 1900.

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5:12 A. M. daily.

5:30 A. M. daily except Sunday, local, to Quantico only.

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William Knight,

Cheapside, Va.

Editor Free Lance:

Enclosed find check for \$3 same being for subscription to your valuable paper to February 20th, 1901. I think your recent editorial on the "Legislature and the Peas" is worth more than the subscription for one year. I endorse every word you say, and think you could have gone a little farther. I am a poor farmer myself, and it looks as though all legislation is against the already persecuted farmer, although they (the farmers) pay, as I have been informed, two-thirds of the taxes. Go for them again. With best wishes, I am

Very best wishes yours,

J. W. Ooms

Quippen, Va.

### Local and Current Comments.

Hon J. S. Potter, of Washington, is in the city.

Mrs. Isaac Hirsh is the guest of friends in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ficklin, of Richmond, are in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stansbury Wallace are in Washington on a visit.

Mrs. M. V. Keilling, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. P. V. Daniel.

Mr. Thomas Buchanan, of Florida, is the guest of relatives in the city.

Miss Nannie Forbes, of New York, is the guest of relatives in the city.

Rev. T. J. Wray, of King George, was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

Councilman George W. Wroten was in Richmond Tuesday on business.

Col. E. D. Cole was not so well yesterday being still confined to his bed.

Mrs. J. E. Mason and son left yesterday for a visit to friends in Washington.

Rev. Hugh Martin, of West Point, is the guest of his father, Dr. H. M. D. Martin.

Mr. G. M. Weedon, of Belfair Mills, made The Free Lance a pleasant call Monday.

Miss Mary E. Roseboom, of Cherry Valley, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Wm. L. Slaughter.

Rev. Dr. T. S. Donaway is very sick at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. E. T. Baker.

The condition of Mrs. J. R. Rawlings, who has been very sick, was improved yesterday.

Miss Eva Taylor of King George, who has been the guest of friends in the city, has returned home.

Mr. George Jennings, who has been visiting here, returned to Richmond, Tuesday.

Mr. E. W. Stearns left Tuesday morning for a business trip to Baltimore and New York.

Mrs. Jno T. Goolrick has returned home, after a very pleasant visit to friends in Washington.

Messrs. Chas. Green, David S. Forbes and Capt. M. B. Rowe were in Washington this week on business.

Mr. W. G. Dillard, treasurer of Spotsylvania county, accompanied by his son, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. C. W. Ederington had the misfortune of spraining several leaders in her ankle, Tuesday afternoon.

Just in, another big lot of Virginia Lady Corsets, which we will continue to sell at 50 cents. T. N. Brent.

Miss Evelyn, Beck who has been the guest of relatives here, returned to her home at Piedmont, W. Va., yesterday.

Mr. E. G. Allen, of Milford, was among the visitors to the city yesterday, and a caller at The Free Lance office.

Rev. R. L. Radford, principal of the Warrenton colored school, died suddenly Sunday morning, while at a county charge.

Mr. J. W. McIntire, who was summoned to Manassas Monday, as a witness in a case pending in the court, has returned.

Mr. Jas. L. Leacock, the popular baggage master at the depot who broke his ankle some weeks ago, is out again and at work.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tacker, of Clark county, who have been the guests of Mrs. W. Key Howard for some time, returned home Tuesday.

600 dozen sample Handkerchiefs, 6 dozen Fascinators and 3 dozen 6 cent Table Covers. All very cheap, useful and nice for Xmas gifts, at E. T. Baker's.

The popular "favorite" will be made during this month, only, for the small sum of \$1.00 per doz. at the Davis Gallery, 517 Main st. Work guaranteed first class.

Parties wishing to buy fresh or smoked herring, will find the ad. of Mr. J. D. Monroe, of the Chesapeake Fisheries, in another column. His address is Westland, Va.

Councilman John T. Knight and Mr. Isaac Hirsh are in Roanoke attending the Grand Lodge Knights of Honor of Virginia, as the delegates from the order in this city.

"The American Lady" Corsets have been "tried, and not found wanting" in any way, shape or form. Watch for imitation under a similar name. O. W. Jones is the agent for Fredericksburg.

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Dropped \$167 on the Pavement.

Dr. J. P. Robb sold 60 acres of land in Stafford last week to Mr. James Grogan for \$180. Yesterday the money was paid him. He enclosed \$97 in an envelope and paid it as he thought in his side pocket. When he reached his home on Main street it was not there. It is supposed that the envelope did not go into his pocket but fell on the pavement and some one picked it up. The search for it has so far been unsuccessful. There were eight \$20 bills in the package and the balance in small notes.

Mrs. E. G. Thornton dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Grammer Thornton died Tuesday at the home of the Misses Kelly, where she had spent the winter, aged 90 years. She had been ill for several weeks. She was the wife of Mr. Champ T. Thornton of Port Royal, and a most estimable Christian lady. Besides her husband, she leaves three sons and one daughter, the wife of Julian, Arthur and J. Taylor Thornton and Miss Matilda Thornton of Port Royal. She was a sister of Rev. Julius E. Grammer, of Baltimore. The remains were taken to Port Royal for interment.

A Monster Devil Fish

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Squirrels Wanted.

The Superintendent of Public Grounds and buildings, Harrisburg, Pa., writes to the Park Commissioner at Richmond, Va., asking information as to where he could procure twenty-four pairs of Gray squirrels.

Possibly some of The Free Lance readers may have a few bunnies which they could thus dispose of at good prices.

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham, of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Life Pills, and had cured her of consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at M. M. Lewis' drug store.

## ORANGE.

Death of Mrs. Grasty—New Inventions—Real Estate in Demand—Other Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Orange, C. H., Va., March 6, 1900.

There was considerable excitement among our people last Tuesday when it was announced that a number of negro railroad hands, who had broken camp in West Virginia on account of small pay, were on their way to this place. A guard was at once stationed on the road, coming in from the direction from which they were expected, who later passed them through town, not permitting them to stop. There were forty-one of them, thirty-nine had health certificates. They had tramped all the way from West Virginia and had been exposed to a good deal of cold. As far as is now known there seems to be no sign of the disease upon any of them.

Dr. Holladay has returned from Richmond, where he accompanied Mrs. Holmes, who had a tumor removed by Dr. Johnson, of that city. The operation was performed Friday and Mrs. Holmes is reported as doing well at this time.

Miss Lula Locker arrived here Saturday night, having given up her position as teacher, near Hampton, to take a government position in Washington, for which place she left yesterday.

Mrs. Geo. L. Grasty died at her home near Harboursville, in this county Friday morning. Mrs. Grasty was the sister-in-law of our former townswoman, Mr. M. C. Grasty, and the daughter of Capt. R. P. Ellis, known to many of the readers of The Free Lance.

Mr. R. H. Rawlings has returned with his bride. He was married Wednesday at Charlottesville to Miss Templeman, of Rockbridge county, who has been teaching at Charlottesville. Congratulations.

Mr. William Graham left yesterday for Roanoke to represent the lodge here at the sessions of the Grand Lodge Knights of Honor.

Twenty years' experience as telegraph operator has ripened into two inventions recently by W. I. Stockdon, of this place. The first, a switch pin, has already been patented, the one just completed, will be patented in a short while. We wish Mr. Stockdon the success on the inventions he deserves.

"Orange real estate is on a boom," said an enterprising agent a few days ago. Mr. Harlow has made five big sales of Orange farms since Christmas.

Mr. Clyde Locker is now night operator at the tower here, having been transferred from his former position between here and Rapidan. Mr. Lewis Martin, who has been operator at Alexandria, takes Mr. Locker's place at the tower near here.

Don't be shocked if you hear that Orange streets are lighted by electricity before 1901.

May B. More.

## ALMOST A CENTENARIAN.

Mr. James Barbour Newman, one of the oldest, best known and highly esteemed citizens of Orange county, died at his home, "Barrington," near Harboursville, Monday evening, the 4th inst. of his life. He is survived by three children—Mrs. Laura Welch and Mr. Conway Newman, of Orange, and Mr. Pittsburg Newman, of Walla Walla. He was the father-in-law of Mrs. Fannie T. Newman, of Fredericksburg. Funeral services were held from the residence Tuesday evening and the interment made in the family burying ground there. Rev. Josiah Ellis conducted the service.

## SPOTSYLVANIA COURT.

Through a sea of mud in many places en route to Spotsylvania Monday a representative arrived about 10 o'clock to greet a large crowd, the majority of which were colored folks, who were attracted there by the trial of George Herndon, charged with shooting Aleck Herndon, another colored man, at a festival several weeks ago. About 30 witnesses testified. The jury found Brown \$50.

The court then took up the case of Julia Coleman, colored, charged with infanticide. The trial was not concluded until Tuesday, and resulted in an acquittal.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg Telephone Company held Monday morning, it was resolved to commence building the line at once, and it will not be long before we will have a "hello" with our friends, Clerk Orismond, Sheriff Harris and Major Allen Dickinson.

Mine host Garner of the Historic Hotel, spread before his guests one of his usual good dinners.

There was much satisfaction among the people at the passage of the Seaboard bill.

The crops are looking well. Several farmers are holding out last year's crop of wheat for higher prices.

Spotsylvania, outside of this city, will be entitled to eight census enumerators. The following are applicants: Miss Nannie Waite, daughter of ex-Congressman Wm. A. R. W. of the Shenandoah County Commission; Messrs. Calvin Butzer, James A. Dillard, John Thurman, Lloyd Jones, J. E. Thomas, Medwyn T. Garner, M. V. Blaydes, L. Partlow and J. L. Eubank.

There were some horse shows shown, and they attracted much attention.

Those present from this city were Messrs. H. O. Orismond, J. T. Goolrick, O. C. Rowlett, S. E. T. Eubank, M. B. Rowe, John Proctor, O. O'Connell, George Hoffman, T. H. Harris, Thomas Curtis, S. I. Baggett, Jr., and The Free Lance representative.

Mr. G. R. Coleman, of Brandy Station, was also present, and received hearty hand-shakes from his many friends in the county.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

The House naval committee will provide for even more battleships than the Navy Department has asked for.

Congressman Otey asked the President to restore the forfeited rights of citizenship to Walker G. Hamer, an ex-convict, and was given an opportunity to state his request would be granted.

President McKinley, in response to the request set forth in H. R. 848, re-appropriated to the Senate the correspondence and instructions covering the seizure and effort to subjugate the people of the Philippines.

In the House Mr. Bailey, of Texas and the Speaker clashed over a parliamentary question, and for some time legislation was at a standstill.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill, carrying \$9,938,378, was reported.

"RATHER OF THE HOUSE" DEAD. Palladiaphia, March 6.—Congressman Alfred O. Harner ("Father of the House"), the Representative from the Fifth Congressional District, died at his home here to-night, aged seventy-five years. Mr. Harner was elected to Congress in 1870, and re-elected to every subsequent Congress with the exception of the forty-fourth.

## STAFFORD.

Fishing News—The Late Capt. Ewing—Other Items of Interest.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Stafford, C. H., Va., March 6, 1900.

Fishermen on Aquia Creek have done well within the last week, some report shipments to the value of \$50 and \$100. One shipment included 800 pounds of bass.

This community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Captain Ewing, of Marlboro fishing shore, "Captain Jim," as he was familiarly known by all, has been fishing on the Potomac for the last 25 years. He was a quiet, unostentatious gentleman and loved by all who knew him. His fishing shore was a pattern of system and neatness. He neither drank nor smoked. It was on his shore, "Peace to his ashes." It will be many a day before we see his like again.

Mr. John Green, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, is sick at his residence near Green's in his 80th year. Mr. Green is in his 80th year.

Miss Mabel Clift is very sick at the residence of her father, Delaford Clift, and is being attended by Dr. Hales.

A meeting of the Republicans of the county has been called by M. K. Leavelle, chairman, at this place, on Wednesday, the 14th March, 1900, at 12 M., to elect delegates to the various conventions.

One of our citizens of this section, returning from town one night last week, mistook Austin's run for the road into his residence and drove a quarter of a mile up the bed of the run before he discovered his mistake.

Mr. of the members of the families of W. E. Stevens and Capt. Wesley Knight are convalescent from measles.

Mrs. Nellie Gallahan who has been quite sick is able to ride out.

Fourth quarter conference of M. E. Church South will be held at Register Chapel 17th and 18th of March.

Judge R. H. L. Chichester was engaged here recently taking evidence in a chancery suit.

Roads have been in such condition the last two weeks as to prevent any hauling to Coal Landing.

Circuit court begins its term this spring on the 20th of March instead of the 6th of April, as formerly. Litigants should govern themselves accordingly.

County Supervisors Meet. Appointments Under the New Law, Etc., Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Stafford, C. H., Va., March 6, 1900.

The Board of Supervisors recommended yesterday for appointment by the county court under the new road law the following persons:

Griffith, F. A. Hill; Stafford, C. H.; Jackson, Messelman; Brooks, Jno. W. Payne; White Oak, E. T. Rollins; Falmouth, Jas. E. Berry; Harwood, C. A. Fowler; Harwood, J. E. Fowler; Roseville, Robt. Bell; Stafford, Thos. H. Gallahan.

The Board had considerable other business before it, besides alluding a large number of claims, which had accumulated since the December meeting.

H. G. Chesley, county treasurer, settled his account for 1899 in full.

A largely signed petition was handed in asking that the time of the annual meeting of the Board be changed from the 1st of January to the 1st of April.

Various politicians were out in full force, looking for a place on the road list.

What to Do Until the Doctor Arrives.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) druggist called at a drug store for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor had not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Schulz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

## CAROLINE.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Dawn, Va., March 6th, 1900.

Our farmers have been busy clearing up new grounds, burning plant beds and getting ready for their spring work.

There is general rejoicing in this section that the charter for the S. A. L. was granted, and we hope the building of the new road will soon be in progress.

The second quarterly conference will be held at Bethel M. E. church on the 17th and 18th of this month. There will be preaching both days by President Elder Ames.

Two Mormon preachers—Elders Ellis and Rich—have been in our neighborhood for some time. We wish they would all go back to Utah with R. Roberts and stay there.

Miss Stewart Blanton left for Richmond Friday, where she will spend some time with her uncle, Mr. Nat Bowe. She will also visit friends in Arlington and returning home.

Miss Annie Wyatt, who has been spending some time at "The Grove," the home of Mrs. M. F. Wortham, has left. She will visit relatives in Richmond and other parts of Virginia before returning to her home in Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. R. Wortham Peatross spent a week at home before going to Central America, where he will be engaged on the survey for the projected Nicaragua canal. He sailed from New York, Saturday, 3rd.

Enjoyable Entertainment.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Milford, Va., March 6th, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Doolley entertained their friends pleasantly a few evenings ago at their palatial home, near this place. The guests began to arrive at 7:30 p. m. and were given an array party, in which the men did the sewing, causing much amusement by their awkward handling of the needles. The following were among the guests:

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bullard, Mrs. O. F. Suggs, Mrs. R. B. Glassell, Mrs. Dr. E. D. Butler, Mrs. J. J. Williams, Mrs. B. D. Webb, Dr. S. T. Dickinson, Messrs. J. A. Scott, Walter Scott, Jeter Suggs, Arthur Allen, George Burke, Willie Burke, George